8/12/72 Larry, I've been reading The Parallaz View under adverse conditions. Bursitis in the right should doesn't hurt, for some strange reason, when my arm is straight down or in typing position. But sleep has been disturbed, so every once in a while I,lie down with the book and before long I've dozed off, leaving much of it fuzzy. I was told by someone that Singer had been asked about inspiration in the JFK assassination and denied it or any knowledge (from recollection, this is). However, having gotten through the first four chapters there is an obscure but obvious inspiration to this point. Two reporters died under what still seem like mysterious circumstances, and as from not first-hand knowledge I recall the story, each in his way could address premeditation on Ruby's part (the actuality, tho denied). Without any doubt, one was shot to death by a cop in a Long Beach, Calif. police station. Name, Hunter. The accounts I've gotten give shifting stories,new incredible ones succeeding previous incredibles The second was killed leaving his own Dallas bathroom. I don't know the rest,but Penn Jones, who is as sincere and dedicated as he is daft and paranoid, says karate chop. And that Koethe, his name, was writing a book. (No ms found, like none of Dorothy Kilgallen's notes of her private interview with Jack Ruby-she died right after that interview, the only private one with him after arrest outside of officals, who have yet to make public acknowledgement of theirs.My source-the guy who did the private interviewing.) I have heard reports and have no independent knowledge that Koethe was gay. So, are there enough parappels for a beginning? Now this could be knowledge Singer gained by accident, as in hearing a radio or TV show. But except among people actively interested in the subject, these facts and rumors are not generally known. And even Merriman Smith did himself in. Sp, to this point I walk with you, not Singer, and these are the initial reasons. Another thing that could have inspired is another kind of show not, I'm sure, unique to me. Esp. in Calif and Phila have I had questions that could be taken on threats. Yes, Chicago, too, and most often on 50kw clear-channel stations, whose programs, naturally, have the lrgest audiences and cover the widest expanses. Infrequently the same questions have been asked anonymously of my wife in my absences. Also infrequently I've had such calls when home, the most sophisticated being the playing of the sound track of Shane to me at 2:30 a.m. So, there are a number of ways from realities in which Singer could have gotten his idea to the point I've reached. I'll keep you posted. HW